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In Re the Application of:

SINCLAIR et al.

Serial No.: 09/782,183

Filed: February 12, 2001

Atty. File No.: 4070-46-1-1-2

For: "DEGRADATION CONTROL OF
ENVIRONMENTALLY DEGRADABLE
DISPOSABLE MATERIALS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed to address the Office Action mailed on May 31, 2002. Enclosed is a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the time for response from August 31, 2002, to November 30, 2002, and a check in the amount of \$920 as payment of the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 8, 81, 100, 128 and 158 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said disposable material is further degraded by biological degradation.

14. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said disposable material is further degraded by microbial degradation.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said disposable material is further biologically degraded to essentially carbon dioxide and water.

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